GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:534
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that in the process of development, there are District Planning Committees in every district of respective States;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the District Planning Committees are mostly Chaired byeither the Collector or the Zilla Parishad Heads;

(c) whether the Government propose to involve MPs of the Lok Sabha in the District Planning Committees; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.534 FOR 29.8.2001 REGARDIN DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEES

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

Decentralised planning has been advocated since the beginning of the planning era in this country. The need to break national planning into National/ State / District & Communitylevel plans, has been recognised for long. The 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendment Acts mark a step in this direction by providing constitutional status to the Panchayati Raj Institutions. The responsibility for preparation of plans for economic development and social justice and their implementation in relation to subjects listed in the Eleventh and Twelfth Schedule of the Constitution has been assigned to Panchayats / Urban Local Bodies. As perArticle 243 ZD of the Constitution, the State Governments are required to constitute DistrictPlanning Committees (DPCs) to facilitate the process of decentralized planning. The DPCsare expected to consolidate the plans prepared by the Panchayats and the Municipalities in the district and to prepare a draft development plan for the district as a whole. Not all the States /UTs have constituted DPCs.In some States DPCs are headed by the Chairperson of ZillaPanchayat whereas in some States DPCs are headed by the Ministers incharge of District or State Government Officials.A Statement indicating status of constitution of DPCs and theirChairperson is given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): The State Legislatures have been vested with powers to provide for composition ofthe DPCs.As such the State Governments / UT Administration are competent to decide the composition of the Committees.

Annexure to Parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 534 for answer on 29-8-2001.

Status of District Planning Committees

S.No.	States/UTs	Status of constitution of DPCs
1	Andhra Pradesh	Not constituted

2 Arunachal Pradesh Not constituted
3 Assam Not constituted
4 Bihar Not constituted
5 Chhattisgarh Not constituted
6 Goa Not constituted
7 Gujarat Not constituted
8 Haryana Only in 3 Districts. Rest under consideration
9 Himachal Pradesh Not yet but it is under consideration
10 Jharkhand Not constituted
11 J & K Not applicable
12 Karnataka Yes. District Panchayat (DP) President is Chairperson of DPC
13 Kerala Yes. DP President is Chairperson of DPC
14 Madhya Pradesh Yes. District incharge Minister is Chairperson of DPC.
15 Maharashtra Not constituted
16 Manipur Yes in 2 distts. out of 4. Adhyksha, DP is Chairperson of DPC.
17 Meghalaya Not applicable
18 Mizoram Not applicable
19 Nagaland Not applicable
20 Orissa Yes. Minister in charge is Chairperson of DPC
21 Punjab Not yet but its constitution is under active consideration
22 Rajasthan Yes. DP President is Chairperson of DPC
23 Sikkim Yes. DP President is Chairperson of DPC
24 Tamil Nadu Yes. Yet to be operational. Chairperson, DP will be Chairperson
25 Tripura Yes. Cabinet rank ministers are Chairpersons.
26 Uttar Pradesh Yes. Ministers are Chairpersons.
27 Uttaranchal Not constituted
28 West Bengal Yes in 17 districts.
Chairperson, DP is Chairperson of DPC.
29 A&N Islands Yes. Chairperson, DP is Chairperson of DPC.
30 Chandigarh Not in favour as 90% of population covered by Municipality
31 D&N Haveli Yes. DC is Chairperson of DPC..
32 Daman & Diu Not constituted
33 NCT Delhi State PR Act is under suspension
34 Lakshadweep Yes. CDC is Chairperson of DPC.
35 Pondicherry Elections not held

Source : Ministry of Rural Development